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SUBJECT: SC SPECIAL MISSION TO ZAMBIA -- GRZ REACTION TO RESOLUTIONS

1. AT UNIP RALLY MARCH 11 FOREIGN MINISTER MUDENDA WELCOMED UNSC MARCH 10 POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC RESOLUTIONS ON ZAMBIA/ RHODESIA. SAID ZAMBIA WILL START GETTING UN ASSISTANCE WITHIN NEXT TWO WEEKS. RE UK AND US ABSTENTIONS ON POLITICAL RES, MUDENDA COMMENTED: " BRITAIN AND THE UNITED STATES HAVE DONE EXACTLY WHAT THEY DID BEFORE THE UN MISSION CAME TO ASSESS THE BORDER SITUATION."

2. PRESS ALSO CARRIED ZAMBIAN PERMREP LUSAKA' S NEW YORK CRITICISM OF BRITAIN AND US ABSTENTIONS, WHICH " REVEAL IN THE MOST AUTHORITATIVE WAY ATTITUDES OF THESE GOVERNMENTS TOWARDS THE PLIGHT OF THE NON- WHITES IN GENERAL AND THE MASSES IN SOUTHERN RHODESIA IN PARTICULAR."

3. DAILY MAIL EDITORIAL APPLAUDED UNSC ACTION AND CONCENTRATED ON IMPLICATIONS ECONOMIC RESOLUTION. CALLED ON UN MEMBERS TRANSLATE VERBAL SUPPORT INTO PRACTICE. SAW BEST CHANCE FOR PEACE IN SOUTHERN AFRICA THROUGH WEAKENING POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC POSITIONS OF MINORITY REGIMES. TIMES FOCUSED ON US/ UK ABSTENTIONS ON POLITICAL RESOLUTION WHICH REVEAL " TRUE COLORS" THEIR AMBIVALENCE IN SOUTHERN AFRICA. SAID US HAS REPUTATION OF PLAYING BOTH SIDES
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POLITICAL FENCE, BUT NOW HAS " SLID HOME TO BASE IN THE OPPOSITION
CAMP AS FAR AS WE ARE CONCERNED." ACCUSED BRITAIN OF TRYING INHIBIT
ACTION AGAINST SMITH AND " MAINTAIN THE STATUS QUO." STATED BRITAIN
PLAYING FOR TIME AND SABOTAGING JUSTICE IN SOUTHERN AFRICA.
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